



Transit in Colorado 2022 Update



Transit Wins

- Increased funding at the Federal level in areas that align with the state's focus like electric transit vehicles and facilities and general formula funding
 - Colorado received funding for 6 transit projects through the 2021 Congressionally Directed Spending process
 - SB21-260
 - Clean Transit Enterprise
 - Multimodal and Mitigation Options Fund
 - SB22-180
 - Ozone Season Transit Grant Program
 - Section 5 changes to the CDL testing program
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Challenges Facing Transit

Supply Chain Issues/ Materials Cost Increases

- Small buses (body-on-chassis) increasing by up to 60%
- Large buses increasing by 10-15%
- Materials for facility construction increasing exponentially



Other Challenges

- Staffing at all levels of agencies
 - Staffing costs
 - Affordable housing
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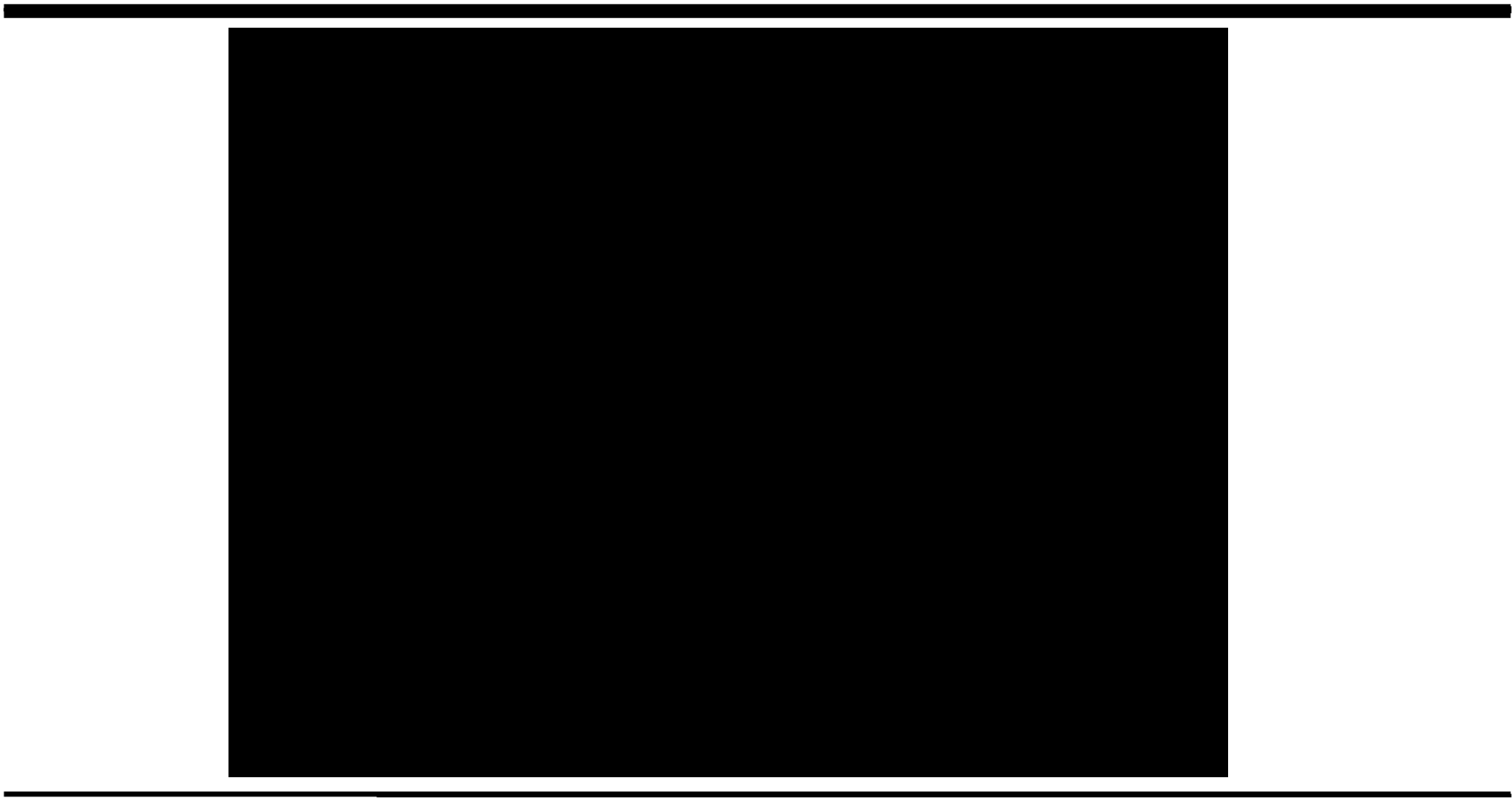
Transit Post COVID

Urban agencies-continuing to experience reduced ridership due to hybrid work schedules and other COVID impacts

Resort agencies-some experienced higher ridership during COVID than ever before

- Feeling safe during outdoor recreation
- More people living full time in what used to be a second home
- Service industry workers still need access to jobs

Rural agencies-often carry a higher portion of transit dependant riders seeking access to employment, medical care, nutrition sites and other necessities. Their ridership took a dip but for the most part has recovered.





Zero Fare Program Summer 2022

Participants

- 14 agencies participated (one agency self funded)
- 17 agencies are fare free year round

Other agencies

- 2 agencies have a mix of fared and always fare free services
 - 3 agencies are larger and provide fixed route service
 - 10 agencies did not participate but are very small and do not provide fixed route service
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Why not participate?

- Lack of bus drivers
 - Lack of staff capacity
 - Not enough time to put overflow measures into place
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Zero Fare Grant Requests

Bent County Golden Age Transportation System	\$300.00
Bent County Transit	\$4,000.00
Mountain Metropolitan Transit	\$674,109.00
Archuleta County Mountain Express	\$560.00
Pueblo Transit	\$135,775.00
City of Greeley - Greeley Evans Transit	\$30,000.00
Prowers Area Transit	\$5,500.00

NECALG/Prairie Express	\$2,329.42
City of La Junta Transit	\$1,702.00
Southern Colorado Community Action Agency	\$4,393.00
San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation	\$2,500.00
Durango Transit, City of Durango	\$24,893.00
South Central Council of Governments	\$750.00
	\$886,811.42

Zero Fare Preliminary Ridership Increases!*

- Archuleta County: 56%
- Bent County: 10%
- Bent County GATS: 28%
- City of Fountain: 39%
- Durango Transit: 36%
- Greeley (GET): 38%
- La Junta Transit: Up 9%
- Mountain Metro: 48%
- Northeastern Colorado Association of Local Governments: 17%
- Pueblo: 59%
- Prowers Area Transit: 23%
- San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation: 2.8%
- South Central Council of Governments: 2%
- Southern Colorado Community Action Agency/RoadRunner Transit: 40%

*August 2022 compared to August 2021

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